

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please amend the paragraph at lines 2-4 as follows:

The present invention relates to the incorporation of contactless electronic microchip identification devices into generally disc-shaped tokens having a plastic material body, in particular gaming chips or casino chips. The present invention also relates to a method of making thereof.

On page 3, please amend the paragraph at lines 11-16 as follows:

~~An object of the invention is to propose~~ According to an aspect of the invention, there are provided generally disc-shaped tokens incorporating a contactless electronic identification device, in particular casino chips, an injection-molded plastic material body whereof has a structure that is simpler to fabricate and facilitates the fitting of the electronic identification device as well as offering the required protection, in particular a structure adapted to the production of thinner tokens and/or adapted to the production of tokens with a multi-colored edge.

On page 3, please amend the paragraph at lines 17-19 as follows:

To this end, the invention proposes a generally disc-shaped token of the type having a body produced by multiple injection of plastic material and a method of making thereof, the token comprising at least:

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 as follows:

Thus the structure of the body of the token produces the shell protecting the electronic identification device and at least part of the edge of the token in a single injection. This makes it possible to reduce the number of injections of plastic material necessary to fabricate the body, in particular in the case of the body having a multi-colored edge with colored stripes parallel to the axis of the token, and/or to reduce the thickness of the central portion of the token and thus the total thickness of the token if necessary. ~~What is more,~~ Furthermore, molding over the insert in the first injection results in improved retention thereof over virtually the whole of its two faces compared to the peripheral retention obtained with the structure described in ~~the~~ European patent EP 0 444 373 referred to above. This improved retention makes it impossible for a fraudster to replace the insert without completely destroying the token and rendering it unusable. Finally, placing the contactless electronic microchip insert in the middle of the thickness of the core of the token facilitates contactless radio-frequency (RFID) reading of stacks or columns of tokens.

On page 6, please amend the paragraph at lines 14-26 as follows:

In another embodiment of the token of the invention, in particular a gaming chip or casino chip, the generally disc-shaped token is characterized in that it

includes a body produced by a single injection of plastic material incorporating an insert that is buried during injection in the plastic material of the central portion of ~~said~~ the body and includes a contactless electronic microchip identification device, in that the periphery of the central body portion includes a plurality of openings into which project portions of the insert including ~~said~~ the electronic microchip identification device, and in ~~that~~said that the portions of the insert projecting through ~~said~~ the openings are sufficiently strong to hold the insert in place during injection of the body of the token. It is advantageous if the central portion of the body of the token has on each face a cavity in which is disposed and fixed a label carrying a decoration and/or a mark and/or a hologram, the openings being optionally blocked beforehand, for example with epoxy resin.

On page 8, please amend the paragraph at lines 10-25 as follows:

As shown in figures 2 and 3, the core 14 is generally disc-shaped and has a central portion 24 defining the central portion of the chip in which is embedded a circular insert 26 (shown in section in figure 3) including the contactless electronic microchip identification device 27 (electronic identifier) consisting primarily of an electronic circuit 28 including a transmitter-receiver and a circular loop antenna 30 disposed around the circuit 28. The electronic identification device 27 including the transmitter-receiver and the peripheral antenna lies between two thin but strong protective films welded together at the periphery to form a rigid or semi-rigid

envelope, the insert 26 as a whole taking the form of a thin disc with a maximum thickness of the order of one millimeter and a diameter of the order of 25 mm. The central portion 24 is surrounded by the annular peripheral portion 31 of the core 14 carrying the projections 18. The innermost part of the portion 31 includes on each face of the chip a circular groove 32 into which open through passages 34 that are evenly distributed in the circumferential direction, the plastic material flowing through these passages ~~36~~ 34 during the second injection to improve the attachment of the covering layer 16.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 as follows:

In general terms, the electronic identification device 27 includes an electronic circuit 28 incorporating a programmable read-only memory (PROM) containing information concerning the chip and/or the person or the object associated with the chip, for example a fixed numerical or alphanumeric identification code consisting of 64 bits (including one or more fields, such as: serial number, product, batch or place identification, chip face value, etc.), and an RFID transmitter receiver ~~28~~ (part of 28) with a circular peripheral antenna adapted to be supplied with power by inductive coupling from modulated waves coming from a reading station (not shown). In practice, the transmitter-receiver is adapted to exchange data with a reading station (at a distance of 15 cm to 2 m by way of nonlimiting example), without contact, by modulated waves, at an

operating frequency from 10 kHz to 20 MHz. The electronic device with memory is used to combat theft and/or to facilitate management and inventory control of a batch of objects in a defined space (storage areas, warehouses, stores), for example. Of course, without departing from the scope of the invention, the electronic identifier device 27 with memory of non-reprogrammable (read-only) type may be replaced by a reprogrammable device so that a changing code can be read and written in memory.

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